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C-A OPERATIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL

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9.2.4.a Considerations When Making An ESRC Check-Off List

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Environmental Issues

Safety Issues:	Loss of radioactive cooling water or fire-protection water
	Inadvertent radioactive or gaseous air emissions
	Loss of radioactive waste or hazardous waste to ordinary waste stream
	Induced activity in soil and subsequent contamination of ground water
	Loss of hazardous material to trenches or to soil and ground water
Potential Initiators	Loss of pressure on domestic water supply
of Safety	Violation of procedures for removal of waste from experiments
Problems:	Cooling-water-pipe break and loss of water to a storm sewer and recharge
	basin
	• Inadequate containment between experimental structures and the contiguous
	earth
	Broken gas line or gas filled chamber
Potential Items To	Containment structure to protect soil and groundwater
Go On the ESRC	Special shields to reduce soil activation to as low as reasonably achievable
Check-Off List:	Formal design reviews for modifications
	Drawing configuration control
	Domestic water supply equipped with back-flow preventers to isolate the
	laboratory domestic water supply systems
	A system to hold-up spilled liquids
	A system for normal and emergency gas ventilation
	Experiment specific waste-handling training for Users
	Lock-down of ordinary waste stream, hazardous waste stream and
	radioactive waste stream
	Removal of or blocking-off storm-sewer drain-lines near experiment
	Alarms on local sumps and manual starting of sump pumps
	Air or water Permits in place if required
	Water-impermeable barrier to prevent rain water from leaking radioactivity
	in soil.
	compliance w/Suffolk County Article 12
	 Alarms on water systems to detect leaks and alert operations personnel.
	 Isolated closed cooling-water systems to reduce the volume of tritiated
	water.
	 See Pollution Prevention web-page
	Process Evaluation by Environmental Compliance Representative
	 Significant Aspects of targets and/or control devices.
	• Significant Aspects of targets and/of control devices.

Personnel Exposure Issues

Safety Issues:	 Accidental exposure of workers to contamination or toxic materials Un-permitted environmental release
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	 Failure to follow the design review procedures Improper fabrication of experimental devices High temperatures or pressures Cooling pipe break on systems with ethylene glycol Oil leak from capacitors, transformers, pumps, motors Unsafe practices for handling hazardous and toxic materials Fire near uranium shield blocks or uranium calorimeters
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Chief Mechanical Engineer certifies vessels, pressure chambers and experimental chambers Chief Mechanical Engineer certifies construction and testing procedures Gas flow limits Users trained on procedure for operation of gas or gas-mixing systems Fail-safe temperature or pressure interlocks Approved User procedures and training for handling hazardous materials BNL Hazard Communication Training for Users Labeling of experimental pipes and vessels as to contents ESRC inspection of chemical and hazardous materials inventories Minimal combustible loading in experimental area Users trained in appropriate emergency procedures

Flammable Or Combustible Materials Issues

Loce of life or cavera injury
Loss of life or severe injury Damage to components or facilities
Impact on the physics program due to fire-related interruptions
The primary initiators in a fire are damaged or improperly connected
electrical cables
Ignition of flammable gases in the experiments
Ignition of flammable liquids inside refrigerators
Sprinkler and halon protection systems for the existing high-value
experimental areas
High sensitivity fire detection systems
Selection of materials which reduce the potential for flame spread
Emergency exhaust ventilation systems
The use of strategically located exits and audible alarms to reduce the
potential for loss of life during an emergency
Elimination of potential ignition sources in experimental areas
On-site fire/rescue organization notified on movement of flammable
materials on the experimental floor
Emergency planning and drills
Limits on flammable gas or liquid inventory and on flow rates on the
experimental floors
Requirements for safety review of any modification on:
use of flammable gases or liquids
installed equipment or material containing wood, plastic, paper, or
other combustible matter in significant quantities
Compliance with the Life Safety Code, NFPA 101, Chapters 1-6
Compliance with the DOE Improved Risk level of fire protection
Use of fire wire fire-detection systems
Electrical energy interlocks tripped by heat or smoke detectors
Using refrigerators or containers that meet the criteria of Underwriters
Laboratories or Factory Mutual for flammable materials
Identifying and posting hazardous locations for flammable or
combustible materials storage or use
Written procedures to temporarily impair fire detection or fire
protection systems
Fire watch

Electrical Energy Issues

Safety Issues:	Electrocution death and injury
	Electrical arcing and molten-metal spray injury
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	Unsafe practices
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Approved procedures and training for specific tasks involving electrical safety issues Control zones around energized parts with signs and barriers Generic procedures and training used to cover many tasks with similar electrical hazards Use of permits to work hot Performance of a job safety-analysis in order to identify and mitigate the hazard of electrocution Lock out and tag out procedures Equipment and training to isolate the source of energy in the system Use of a safety watch or two-man rule where appropriate Experimenters not allowed to work on power distribution or connection to electrical power Have Chief Electrical Engineer certify all non-ul or services custom built Appropriate barriers are installed

Oxygen Depletion Issues

Safety Issues:	Asphyxiation
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	 Inadvertent entry into gas-filled detector Accidental release of He or N gas
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Cerenkov detectors are posted as Class 2 Confined Spaces according to BNL ES&H Standards Entry procedure required Written procedures shall exist for purging hazardous gases, (eg. CO₂ and H) from the detectors Design reviews and functional testing before operations ODH area designations ODH training

Hydrogen Target Issues

Safety Issues:	 Physical injury (e.g., eye injury, broken bones, etc.) Burns
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	Fire near a hydrogen target
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Target vacuum sensors Hydrogen gas detectors in vent lines Fire wire around nearby experimental equipment No smoking or open flame boundaries defined and posted Separate hydrogen target enclosure that meets Class I Division II criteria for electrical circuits in explosive atmospheres Controls on the introduction of ordinary equipment into the hydrogen target enclosure Fire detectors in and around the target enclosure Interlocks to turn off power to potential ignition sources near the target should a fire develop, a vacuum leak be detected, or hydrogen gas be detected Automatic, fail-safe venting of hydrogen gas out a vent stack should that be required A round-the-clock target watch by trained target-watch personnel who have procedures to respond to alarms Hydrogen Target Control Console at each experiment operated by authorized C-A personnel only Written procedures for the Cryogenic Group; for example, target handling, hydrogen venting, target filling, testing for hydrogen gas leaks, etc. Target designs reviewed and approved by the BNL Cryogenic Safety Committee Design reviews and functional testing before operations Experimental Hall evacuation alarms and training for Users and staff
	Verification of alarm annunciation in MCR

Magnetic Fields and Electromagnetic Radiation Issues

Safety Issues:	 Reaction with medical implants Magnetic pull of heavy metal object through persons hand and into magnet iron with resultant crush type-injury of hand Hyperthermia, Cataracts, Lenticular Opacities (rf) Destruction of retina (lasers)
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	 Inadvertent exposure to stray magnetic field near spectrometer magnet Exposure to rf radiation or laser light from improperly enclosed devices
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Areas with strong magnetic fields are to be fenced and posted with appropriate warnings Magnets shall undergo an environmental review before turn on to ensure signs and warnings are present and to ensure loose ferrous objects are not present Measurement of magnetic fields around spectrometer magnets to ensure fencing and posting are located appropriately Design reviews and functional testing before operations Doors are posted with warnings for persons using a cardiac pacemaker Local barriers are placed around rf stations RFI gaskets are used on equipment to prevent rf radiation leakage Routine monitoring for rf radiation to determine if gaskets are effective Interlocks on laser barriers Eye protection for laser Users Appropriate laser RF postings

Thermal Energy Issues

Safety Issues:	Burns Fires
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	 Spills of cryogenic liquids Contact with cold lines associated with liquid cryogenic systems Contact with hot surfaces of machinery Contact with soldering irons Improper protective clothing for cutting and welding operations
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Insulation on cold/hot surfaces Review of installation/procedures by the safety committee Design reviews and functional testing before operations Cutting and welding conducted by trained personnel only Boundaries for cutting and welding are posted Cutting and welding permit required prior to job Proper fire protection provided

Kinetic Energy Issues

Safety Issues:	• Physical injury (e.g., eye injury, broken bones, hearing loss, fatal injury, etc.)
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	 Mis-operation of power tools or motorized equipment Pressure testing with inappropriate vessels or piping Inadvertent contact with rotating or moving machinery Improper rigging of experimental apparatus or shielding Failure to wear proper personnel protective equipment
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 Machine guards Only trained personnel allowed to operate tools, motorized experimental equipment or perform rigging operations Written procedures or Experiment Spokesperson participation in large equipment moves Chief Mechanical Engineer certification of large equipment moves Design reviews and functional testing before operations Users trained in personnel protective equipment requirements

Potential Energy Issues

Safety Issues:	Physical injury (e.g., eye injury, broken bones, hearing loss, etc.)
Potential Initiators of Safety Problems:	 Release of stored energy associated with compressed gases or large vacuum spaces Puncture of a vacuum window Improper hoisting operation Failure to wear proper personnel protective equipment
Potential Items To Go On the ESRC Check-Off List:	 All pressure and vacuum equipment is designed to applicable codes and standards Operation and design reviewed by safety committees Design reviews and functional testing before operations Training and adherence to procedures by operators of compressed gas systems Window covers on vacuum windows Chief Mechanical Engineer certification of thin vacuum windows Chief Mechanical Engineer certification of vacuum or pressure vessels Written procedures for pressure testing or vacuum window testing Written procedures for in-house assembly of vacuum or pressure vessels Only trained personnel allowed to perform hoisting operations Users trained in personnel protective equipment requirements